GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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TATKAL RESERVATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways had conceived a Tatkal scheme for providing berths to the genuine passengers on the spot on production of identity card in order to control the menace of corrupt practices indulged in by touts in cornering rail reservations;

(b) whether procedure to get rail reservations ticket under the Tatkal reservation scheme, the production of identity card has since been withdrawn; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reservation under Tatkal Scheme can be had on showing of one of the prescribed proofs of identity. However, the production of Tatkal Rail Identity Cards has since been stopped.

(c) The issuance of Tatkal Rail identity card has been stopped as the ground situation has since changed and voter identity Card is available to a large number of people. The Tatkal Scheme has also become very popular and people are now aware of the requirements of this Scheme. In view of this, and to avoid any possibility of these cards being mistaken as proof of identity, issue of these cards has been discontinued.